

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/AU2004/000776

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup> : B65D 39/08, B63B 35/79		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) DWPI and keywords: compartment and lid and thread, etc.		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5180076 A (HUNDT) 19 January 1993 Figs. 5-6	1, 4, 5
X	US 4236646 A (GANZ et al) 2 December 1980 Fig. 2	1, 4, 5
A	FR 2725158 A1 (GIBOURG) 5 April 1996	
A	US 3265233 A (TUURI) 9 August 1966	
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A	WO 1992/015495 A1 (LAWSON MARDON (MI) LTD.) 17 September 1992	
A	WO 2003/031256 A1 (SALOMON S. A.) 17 April 2003	
A	US 2002/0166493 A1 (SORENSEN) 14 November 2002	
A	US 4145783 A (RHODES) 27 March 1979	
A	AU 63235/86 A (MAYDAY BOATS MARTIN S. A.) 9 April 1987	

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### Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

### Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims 1-6 are directed to a waterproof compartment including an inner rim, an outer rim and a lid having external threads engageable with internal threads on the outer rim.
2. Claims 7-11 are directed to a waterproof compartment imbedded in a surfboard and including a main compartment and a lateral compartment.

  

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

  

4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-6

#### Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member				
US	5180076						
US	4236646	AU	50699/79	DE	2940919	GB	2034288
		ZA	7904995				
US	2002166493	US	6581538				
FR	2725158						
WO	03031256	FR	2830836				
WO	9215495	AU	12792/92	EP	0574437	US	5421470
US	4145783						
AU	63235/86	AU	63234/86	EP	0217511	JP	62096196

Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001.

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